

Recycling Public Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 25, 2012

Location: DNREC Lukens Drive Facility, 391 Lukens Drive, New Castle 19720

Members present: BJ Vinton, Chairman (CSWSC)
Paul Bickhart (Recycling Industry)
Mike Parkowski (DSWA)
Marjorie Crofts (DNREC)
George Danneman (Soda Beverage Industry)
Brenna Goggin (Delaware Nature Society)
Basil Kollias (DE Chamber of Commerce)
Marianne Cinaglia (DeLEASI)
Julie Miro Wenger (Del. Food Industry Council)
Stan Mills (League of Local Governments)
Coralie Pryde (League of Women Voters)

Members absent: Dick Cecil (DE Association of Counties)
Michael Fusca (Alcohol Beverage Industry)
Kelly Davis (Educator, DelTech-Owens Campus)
Carrie Leishman (Restaurant Industry)

Non-members present:	Jim Short (DNREC)	Nancy Marker (DNREC)
	Terry McBride (Burns & McBride)	Bill Miller (DNREC)
	Bob Barrish (Citizen)	Paul Sparks (Cascade)
	Tracy Sargent (DNREC)	David Bart (Citizen)
	Cathy Hartman (DNREC)	Jim Black (Clean Air Council)
	Bruce Stabley (DE Cheaper Trash)	Joe Maier (Econo Haul)
	Bob Ziegler (RSG)	Cynthia Moore (Uof D)
	John Briscoe (E-Nergy)	Jim Roedershsmit (Citizen)
	Ann King-Musza (Advanced Envir. Sys)	Barb DeHaven (DEDO)
	Evan Parra (Green OPP)	John Ehling (Green OPP)
	Valerie Payton (DAFB)	

BJ Vinton called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 A.M.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes September 27, 2012 Meeting

George D expressed concern that prior meeting minutes were not adequately capturing the discussions regarding some of the successes Delaware has achieved toward the goals of Universal Recycling with the funding that had been collected and dispersed so far. He also asked that if the implementation of residential and multifamily recycling required less funding than originally forecasted meant that the currently forecasted amount of bottle fee monies to be collected would be sufficient to implement the remaining components of Universal Recycling. Lastly, has asked if that the diversion of bottle fee revenue to support the yard waste site implied that the Council and DNREC believed that there would be sufficient fees collected (based upon the current forecast) to complete the implementation of Universal Recycling. There was some discussion and debate over these questions. DNREC staff agreed that anecdotally we've successfully implemented the single-family residential component of Universal Recycling and may be able to implement the remaining components of Universal Recycling with the funding remaining. However, DNREC would like to see the recycling measurement report after a full year to judge success of the single-family residential component, and reserve

the right to review recycling measurement in subsequent years to accurately judge the success of the program. Marj C. explained that DNREC cannot anticipate what will come in for future grant requests. She added that she preferred not to spend Universal Recycling grant money on the yard waste alternative site, but was working under direction from the General Assembly.

Bottle Fee Collection Update

Bill M. provided the most recent revenue synopsis. He shared that \$383,181 was collected in August and added that the total to date amount is just over \$6M. Nancy M. clarified that the number fluctuates; yearly reports may be preferable to comparison of months from different years.

SR 8 - Carpet Recycling Strategy Subcommittee Meeting Report Out

Marj C. reported that the subcommittee held its second meeting and are still refining the scope of the problem. Based on the CARE formula, the subcommittee estimates that about 4,000 tons of waste carpet are generated each year in Delaware. About 742 tons were reported as recycled in 2011. The next meeting date is yet to be determined, but the topics will include realistic goals and estimated costs.

SR 24 – Plastic Bags Meeting Report Out

Jim B. reported that the subcommittee has had three meetings so far. The subcommittee has agreed that fugitive bags are the primary problem and that a goal should be improving the rate of capture and the recycling rate. By the November meeting the subcommittee will have a basic, broad outline and goals.

Annual RPAC Report

The RPAC members discussed several sections of the draft Annual Report. After some minor changes, the Annual Report of the RPAC, 11th Edition was approved unanimously.

Commercial Recycling Report

Jim S. discussed the draft report with the group. Commercial businesses will be required to engage in recycling but the legislation has flexibility. Participation will be encouraged through outreach & education including: workshops, radio advertisements, billboards, and tool kits. Bill M. stated that report will be posted online in a few weeks or sooner. The report was approved unanimously.

Recycling Market Update

Paul B. said there was no change in commodity pricing for September or October. Mike P. said single-stream pricing is low but hasn't gone negative, and since October is a 'make or break' month, it is a positive sign that prices are holding steady.

Old/New Business

Coralie P. wanted to know what can be done to educate the public on recycling large items. Mike P. responded that anything larger than a 5 gallon bucket should not go in with single-stream recyclables, and that breaking up bulky items was not a viable option. Bulky metal items should go to a scrap yard. Mike P. further stated that this was not a significant enough problem to merit specific education/outreach.

Additional Public Comments

A private citizen asked when the annual report would be available. Bill M. stated it would be online in a few weeks.

Next Meeting

January 24, 2013, DNREC Lewes Facility, 901 Pilottown Road, Lewes 19958

Meeting adjourned approximately 12:05.

Plastics to Oil Demonstration – The demonstration was cancelled. A powerpoint presentation with question and answer session was given by John Briscoe.